

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
DOCKETING STATEMENT--CIVIL/AGENCY CASES**

Directions: Counsel must make a **docketing statement (civil/agency) filed** entry in CM/ECF within 14 days of docketing of the appeal, or within the due date set by the clerk's docketing notice, whichever is later. File with the entry the (1) docketing statement form with any extended answers and (2) any transcript order form. Parties proceeding pro se are not required to file a docketing statement. Opposing counsel who finds a docketing statement inaccurate or incomplete may file any objections within 10 days of service of the docketing statement using the ECF event-**docketing statement objection/correction filed**.

Appeal No. & Caption	15-2197 PRISON LEGAL NEWS v. KEN STOLLE, etc, et al.
Originating No. & Caption	2:13cv000424
Originating Court/Agency	US DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Jurisdiction (answer any that apply)		
Statute establishing jurisdiction in Court of Appeals	28 U.S.C. Sec. 1291	
Time allowed for filing in Court of Appeals		
Date of entry of order or judgment appealed	September 8, 2015	
Date notice of appeal or petition for review filed	October 5, 2015	
If cross appeal, date first appeal filed		
Date of filing any post-judgment motion		
Date order entered disposing of any post-judgment motion		
Date of filing any motion to extend appeal period		
Time for filing appeal extended to		
Is appeal from final judgment or order?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If appeal is not from final judgment, why is order appealable?		

Settlement (The docketing statement is used by the circuit mediator in pre-briefing review and mediation conducted under Local Rule 33. Counsel may make a confidential request for mediation by calling the Office of the Circuit Mediator at 843-521-4022.)		
Is settlement being discussed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Transcript (transcript order must be attached if transcript is needed and not yet on file)		
Is transcript needed for this appeal?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Has transcript been filed in district court?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is transcript order attached?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Case Handling Requirements (answer any that apply)		
Case number of any prior appeal in same case		
Case number of any pending appeal in same case		
Identification of any case pending in this Court or Supreme Court raising similar issue	If abeyance or consolidation is warranted, counsel must file an appropriate motion.	
Is expedited disposition necessary?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, motion to expedite must be filed.	
Is oral argument necessary?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does case involve question of first impression?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does appeal challenge constitutionality of federal or state statute in case to which federal or state government is not a party	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, notice re: challenge to constitutionality of law must be filed.	

Nature of Case (Nature of case and disposition below. Attach additional page if necessary.)
<p>Plaintiff is the publisher of a monthly journal, Prison Legal News, which was censored by various staff at the Virginia Beach Correctional Center. After two injunctions were issued by the District Court, the case settled, which settlement was incorporated in a court order, the Plaintiff applied for attorneys fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1988. By Opinion and Order, the ditrcit court reduced the fees requested in small part and then imposed a 45% reduction for what it held was limited success in the litigation.</p>

Issues (Non-binding statement of issues on appeal. Attach additional page if necessary)

1. Did the District Court abuse its discretion when it ordered a 45% reduction in Plaintiff's fees even though Plaintiff obtained two injunctions and a court ordered settlement allowing its publication into the Correctional Center?

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